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HERPETOLOGICAL NOVELTIES FROM CHINA.

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AMONG the collections received by the United States National Museum from its correspondents in China, a recent revision has brought to light a certain number of undescribed forms which it has been thought best to publish in advance of a more elaborate report now in the printer's hands.

AMPHIBIA.

Microhyla grahami, new species.

Diagnosis.—Interorbital space almost twice as wide as upper eyelid; skin above, including head and legs, strongly tubercular; toes with mere rudiment of web at base and scant indication of lateral dermal margins; tips of digits very slightly widened; heel of extended hind leg reaches middle of eye; two small metatarsal tubercles.

Type-locality.—Sui-fu, Province of Szechwan, China.

Type.—U. S. National Museum, No. 65,936; Rev. D. C. Graham, collector.

Microhyla sowerbyi, new species.

Diagnosis.—Interorbital space slightly wider than upper eyelid; skin above, including head and legs, densely tubercular; toes scant one-third webbed, with rather wide dermal margins and well-developed disks; heel of extended hind leg reaches between eye and tip of snout; two prominent, though small, subequal metatarsal tubercles.

Type-locality.—Near Yen-ping-fu, Province of Fukien, China.

Type.—U. S. National Museum, No. 65,309; A. de C. Sowerby, collector (No. 231).

Kaloula rugifera, new species.

Diagnosis.—Toes nearly one-third webbed at the base; fingers dilated into well-developed truncated disks; upper surface and sides with numerous elongated warts; interorbital space much wider than upper eyelid; both metatarsal tubercles large, with cutting edge, outer transverse.

Type-locality.—Kiating, Province of Szechwan, China.

Type.—U. S. National Museum, No. 65,520; Rev. D. C. Graham, collector.

Polypedates omeimontis, new species.

Diagnosis.—Fingers half-webbed; head without spines; no cutaneous folds along legs; no dermal flap at heel; vomerine teeth in two slightly oblique series between the choanae; tympanum distinct, more than half the width of eye; upper and lower surfaces, except of hands and feet, granular; interorbital space slightly broader than upper eyelid; largest digital disk nearly as large as tympanum; tibio-tarsal joint reaching posterior angle of eye.

Type-locality.—Shin-kai-si, Mt. Omei, Szechwan Province, China.

Type.—U. S. National Museum, No. 66,548; Rev. D. C. Graham, collector.

REPTILIA.

Phoxophrys grahami, new species.

Diagnosis.—All scales keeled; anterior superciliaries not enlarged into horn-like appendages; supralabials eight; flanks with numerous large scales equal to the largest on the back.

Type-locality.—Sui-fu, Province of Szechwan, China.

Type.—U. S. National Museum, No. 65,500; Rev. D. C. Graham, collector.

Eumeces pekinensis, new species.

Diagnosis.—Median dorsal scale-rows not enlarged; two unpaired postmentals; lower temporal of the second row wedge-shaped; soles of hind feet nearly uniformly granular with only a few larger tubercles near the heel; a postnasal; 24 scales around the middle of the body.

Type-locality.—Hsin-lung-shan District, Imperial Hunting Grounds, Chili Province, 65 miles northeast of Peking, China.

Type.—U. S. National Museum, No. 60,863; A. de C. Sowerby, collector; August, 1917.

Lygosaurus sowerbyi, new species.

Diagnosis.—Three large supra-oculars; third supra-ocular in contact with parietals; parietals larger than fronto-nasal.

Type-locality.—Futsing District, Fukien Province, China.

Type.—U. S. National Museum, No. 65,375; A. de C. Sowerby, collector (No. 153).

Takydromus intermedius, new species.

Diagnosis.—Head one and three-fourths times to twice as long as broad; anterior supra-ocular very small, mostly indicated by a minute granule; enlarged dorsals in eight longitudinal series, the

two median ones smaller; ventrals in six series, smooth or very feebly keeled; four pairs of chin-shields; two inguinal pores on each side; nasals in contact behind rostral; tail two and one-half times to three times the length of head and body.

Type-locality.—Shin-kai-si, Mt. Omei, near Kiating, 4400 feet altitude, Szechwan Province, China.

Type.—U. S. National Museum, No. 64,437; Rev. D. C. Graham, collector; 1921.